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The Honorable Sandra L. Townes  
United States District Judge  
United States District Court  
Eastern District of New York  
225 Cadman Plaza East  
Brooklyn, New York 11201

CR 11 508  
TOWNES, J.  
BLOOM, M.J.

Re: United States v. Michael Virtuoso

Dear Judge Townes:

Pursuant to former Chief Judge Dearie's Administrative Order dated February 27, 2008 ("Administrative Order"), the government hereby certifies to the Court that the above-captioned case is properly related to United States v. Michael Virtuoso, et al., No. 06 CR 800 (S-2) (SLT) ("Virtuoso I").

The Administrative Order provides in relevant part:

[N]otwithstanding any provision of Rule 50.3 of the Rules for the Division of Business Among District Judges, the Clerk of the Court is directed to assign all criminal cases randomly, unless the United States Attorney certifies in writing at the time of filing that a case to be assigned satisfies one of the three conditions in Rule 50.3(c), or involves the same specific conduct that is a subject of a pending case.

The three conditions, under Rule 50.3(c), which allow for automatic relation are:

(A) a superseding indictment or information is filed, or (B) more than one indictment or information is filed against the same defendant or defendants, or (C) when an

application is filed by a person in custody  
that relates to a prior action.

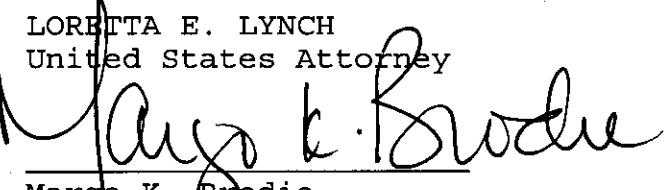
This letter constitutes the certification contemplated  
by the Administrative Order. Relation is appropriate in this  
case pursuant to the Administrative Order because the defendant,  
Michael Virtuoso, is charged with violating the terms of his  
supervised release in Virtuoso I, which thus constitutes a case  
falling within Rule 50.3(c)(B).

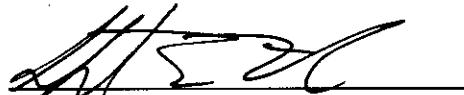
Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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